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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

I'm putting out a plea for member contributions to this newsletter. It doesn't have to be lengthy…fill up a quarter or a half a page with a poem, a book or movie or TV program review, a favorite recipe, an amusing anecdotal story, an interesting experience from your past or your present, a musing about almost any topic under the sun.

It also doesn't have to be a monthly commitment. Let me take a moment here to once again thank our regular contributors: Barb Ford, Bob Henderson, and most recently, Doug McCall with his Crossword Puzzle tidbits. But I will also vociferously thank irregular contributors as well. THANK YOU in advance!!

They say "you are what you eat." Change the last word to consume, and you are also what you read. It would be wonderful if this monthly bulletin pleased the diverse palate of our membership.

If you want to respond to anything you read in this issue, send it along to me at: sharonslp@ameritech.net

LOC SEC COLUMN

Bob's Two Bits for April 2022

by Robert Henderson, Loc Sec

As I write this, winter has left the northern hemisphere and spring has finally arrived! We can look forward to the return of longer, warmer days, green trees and grass, and more pleasant outdoor activities for the next several months.

We might even hope for a return to "normalcy," but our new normal is not as pleasant as the old "normal" that we so fondly remember. While the COVID pandemic rages on amongst the world's unvaccinated majority, there is always a chance that a new variant will arise that manages to evade our current defenses. The good news is that science now knows how to design effective new vaccines almost as soon as a new variant is identified and its genes can be sequenced. If our priorities were more humane, we could then invest in saving lives rather than destroying them. . . at least, that is the hope that spring brings to me.

The news through the month of March has been dominated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the brave defense put up by the Ukrainian people. Luckily, the aggressors made some poor planning decisions that left their troops ill-prepared

to face any meaningful resistance. Their frustration at the resulting high cost in time, troops and tanks has led them to resort to the use of long-distance weapons of mass destruction against civilian targets, which is clearly a war crime well worth prosecuting. The cost of Putin's aggression to his own people due to the sanctions imposed by the rest of the world is causing a mass exodus from Russia in addition to the flood of Ukrainian refugees fleeing their bombed-out cities. For his part, Putin has recently gone into full autocratic mode, giving speeches threatening to cleanse the "traitors" from his own ranks for their failure to deliver on promises of an easy victory. We can only hope that someone will stop this madman before he manages to cause even more suffering. Perhaps when you read this in April the need will have shifted from defending Ukraine to rebuilding it. . . at least, that's my other hope inspired by the return of spring!

BOB'S WORD PUZZLE FOR APRIL:

Convert the first word to the second word in each line below by changing one letter at a time. Each step should give a new word in English. Longer solutions can be found using only common words, but shorter solutions may need uncommon words. Lines 1 through 6 are easy, 7 to 9 are not so easy, and 10 to 12 are challenging.

1. COAT to VEST in 4 steps
2. THAW to MELT in 4 steps
3. NORTH to SOUTH in 3 to 7 steps
4. COLD to WARM in 4 to 6 steps
5. BOOTS to CROCS 4 to 7 steps
6. HEATING to COOLING in 5 to 6 steps
7. SLED to KART in 6 to 8 steps
8. SNOW to RAIN in 6 to 8 steps
9. DRIFT to PLANT in 6 to 9 steps
10. GLOVE to HANDS in 8 to 13 steps
11. GLOOM to SUNNY in 10 to 21 steps
12. WINTER to SPRING in 9 to 29 steps

After you've done your best, feel free to check your results against the Word Ladder Solver on the Web. You will find a link to the Solver on the MMM Website "Puzzles" page. . . Check out the other puzzles and games on the page as well!

BOB'S Math Puzzle:

Slippery Sam the sideshow man offers you a $10.00 prize if you can toss a fair coin until the number of heads thrown matches the number of tails. How much would you be willing to pay Sam to play his game?

QUIZ: FAMOUS WOMEN IN HISTORY

Can you name the country that each of these famous women came from?

1. Marie Antoinette
2. Catherine the Great
3. Anne of Cleves
4. Florence Nightingale
5. Anastasia
6. Nefertiti
7. Catherine of Aragon
8. Lili'uokalani
9. Hatshepsut
10. Malala Yousafzai
11. Frida Kahlo
12. Anne Frank
13. Marie Curie
14. Eleanor of Aquitaine
15. Boudicca
16. Mother Teresa
17. Sonja Henie
18. Jenny Lind
19. Dolores Huerta
20. Jane Goodall

See answers on page 7

CLEVER CROSSWORD CLUES

From Doug McCall

These clues seem clever to me because they got me thinking in the wrong direction, yet their answers make sense in our conversational language. Most don't rely on obscure facts. Instead of giving you the length of the answer with each clue, all of the answers are alphabetical at the bottom. Match them up with the clues.

1. It's about a foot
   LA Times 2/16/22

2. It's broken at many races
   LA Times 2/18/22

3. One who may go deep
   LA Times 2/18/22

4.Medium power
   LA Times 2/18/22

5. PIN point
   LA Times 2/25/22

6. Unlikely
   LA Times 2/25/22

7. Worthlessness metaphor
   LA Times 3/4/2

8. Branch headquarters?
   LA Times 3/4/22

9. Dagger of yore
   LA Times 3/4/22

10. Runs or walks, e.g.
    LA Times 3/4/22

11. Target Division
    LA Times 3/5/22

12. Stuff
    LA Times 3/5/22

13. Bank Barrier
    LA Times 3/5/22

14. Like some Locks
    LA Times 3/5/22

15. Bouquets
LA Times 3/5/22

16. Stay on
LA Times 3/5/22

17. June and others
LA Times 3/9/22

18. Like Oz, but not Kansas
LA Times 3/12/22

19. I won't use it, but you will
LA Times 3/12/22

20. It' a wrap
LA Times 3/12/22

AISLE
BLOND
ARE
ATM
CRAM
END
ESP
FIG
INCOLOR
LEVEE
MONTHS
NOSES
SARI
SHOE
SNEE
STAT
STICK
TALL
TAPE
TREE

If you want more help, number the answers and use this decoder.

Question:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Answer:	14	19	6	7	4	18	8	20	15	16	1	5	10	2	12	17	11	9	3	13

APRIL 2022 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
Kathy Teshich, Membership Chair
113 members

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Keith Stewart	April 2
Carol Scot	April 9
John Paduch	April 19
Richard Hobrla	April 20
Rona Landfield	April 29

APRIL MENSAVERSARIES

Michael Bohde	1 yr
Walter Purvis	7 yrs
Gregory Listing	12 yrs
Gary Gordon	18 yrs
Gail Wolfe	31 yrs
Patricia Thuemmel	32 yr

April 8th Speaker
by Elizabeth Evangelista

After dinner at Grand Traverse Pie Company on April 8th, Wendy Carnegie will regale us with pictures and anecdotes about one of one of her many trips. Which one, you ask? Come and be surprised! She will speak at about 6:15.

Come hear her talk whether you have dinner or not.

Women in History Answers:

1. Marie Antoinette - Austria
2. Catherine the Great - Germany
3. Anne of Cleves - Germany
4. Florence Nightingale - Britain
5. Anastasia - Russia
6. Nefertiti - Egypt
7. Catherine of Aragon - Spain
8. Lili'uokalani - Hawai'i
9. Hatshepsut - Egypt
10. Malala Yousafzai - Pakistan
11. Frida Kahlo - Mexico
12. Anne Frank - Germany
13. Marie Curie - Poland
14. Eleanor of Aquitaine - France
15. Boudicca - Britain
16. Mother Teresa - Albania
17. Sonja Henie - Norway
18. Jenny Lind - Sweden
19. Dolores Huerta - USA
20. Jane Goodall - Britain

MATH PUZZLE ANSWERS

If you have infinite patience, you are guaranteed to eventually throw as many heads as tails and claim your prize of $10.00. However, if you run out of patience and quit, Sam keeps your money! You should offer Sam something under $10.00 in order to make the time spent playing his game worth your while. To help quantify this tradeoff, here are the expected values to you per game ($10.00 times the chance of winning) vs. the maximum number of throws you are willing to make before you quit:

Max throws:	Value:	Cost of quitting early:
5	$6.18	$3.82
10	$7.19	$2.81
20	$8.13	$1.87
40	$8.76	$1.24
80	$9.12	$0.88

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
By Barb Ford

The weather is warming up, and soon our thoughts will turn to frozen treats. Why not dig out the blender and ice cream maker to make our own home made concoction. Actually, you don't even need an ice cream maker…just a trusty blender or food processor, and a container to freeze this yummy stuff. This is a nice recipe that can be made with sugar or Splenda; whole buttermilk or fat-free. Anyone who thinks they don't like buttermilk….don't tell them it's in there. They just might love this sherbet.
Once you make this, you will be amazed how easy it is, and how great it tastes!
Special thanks to Pat Craig, who shared this recipe with me.

Buttermilk Sherbet

2 C buttermilk
1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, undrained
¾ C sugar

Puree pineapple with its juice in a blender or food processor. Add sugar and buttermilk, and pulse a few times to mix.

Freeze in a shallow airtight container for 8 hours, stirring twice.

This mixture can also be frozen in an ice cream maker.

Makes about 3 cups

APRIL 2022 CALENDAR

FRIDAY APR 1: TGIF - CHAMPPS
2800 Preyde Blvd, Lansing, at Eastwood Town Center. Family-friendly sports bar chain doling out burgers & comfort food in buzzy surroundings.

FRIDAY APR 8: TGIF - GRAND TRAVERSE PIE CO.

1403 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing. It's in the Brookfield Plaza at the corner of Grand River Ave and Hagadorn Rd. Service is cafeteria style, so bus your own dishes before you leave. Quiches, pot pies, pasties, sandwiches, wraps, soups, salads, and, of course, pie (best a-la-mode).

Talk "Views of Africa" by W. Carnegie / D. Wentworth to follow dinner.

FRIDAY APR 15: TGIF - HARRISON ROAD HOUSE
720 E. Michigan Ave, East Lansing. Good selection of burgers, sandwiches, salads, and drinks. Specialties include Crab Rangoons and Chicken Pierre.

FRIDAY APR 22: TGIF - CORAL GABLES
2838 E Grand River, East Lansing, east of Hagadorn Road. One of the best restaurants in East Lansing and a favorite of Mid-Michigan Mensa. Serves Greek foods, steaks, seafoods, pastas, salads, sandwiches, pizzas, and more.

Steering Committee Meeting: to follow dinner.

FRIDAY APR 29: TGIF - LUCKY'S STEAK HOUSE
3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos, north of Jolly Rd. Famous for large servings of tasty foods such as steak, seafood, and prime rib with all the trimmings.

Generally, if you need information, call 517-676-3369 or visit midmichigan.us.mensa.org for updates.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at about 5:30 PM and order about 5:30 PM but you're welcome at any time. Come and get acquainted. All members and friends are welcome at the events above. Any member may schedule an event. Please remember: **Who**, **What**, **Where**, **When**, and **Why**. The deadline to schedule an event is the **15th of the month before the event**. Contact Ginny Brunke Henderson, Calendar Coord. at: gbrunkh@peoplepc.com or 517-676-3369
Calendar event information can also be found on the Mid-Michigan Mensa website at http://midmichigan.us.mensa.org/calendar.html